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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for

1971

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A. Underwood (From August 1971)

Municipal Offices,
Faversham,
Kent.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

This is the first Annual Report since my appointment in October 1971.

The health of the district continues to be satisfactory and there has been little change in the statistics as will be seen from the figures in the Report.

The incidence of the various infectious diseases is considerably less than it was some years ago. Diphtheria has not been notified for some years. A considerable number of cases of Scarlet Fever are reported but this is now a relatively mild disease. Measles continues to appear showing a peak rise in alternate years. Immunisation against this disease is being carried out by the County Council Medical Officers and the incidence of Measles should gradually reduce in the future as more children are immunised against it. Considerably fewer cases of Whooping Cough and Tuberculosis are being notified.

Schoolgirls are now being given protection against Rubella (German Measles). For children this is usually a mild disease, but if a woman becomes infected with Rubella during pregnancy then the disease can have a serious effect upon the health of the baby. It is therefore advisable for girls to obtain protection against this disease to lessen the chances of being infected with Rubella in later life.

A few cases of Typhoid and Dysentery occur in this country among travellers returning from holiday abroad, where the standards of hygiene are not always as high as they are in this country, especially in rural districts. Fresh fruit exposed on open stalls is liable to contamination by flies and insects and should be well washed before eating. If the water supply is not chlorinated it should be boiled before drinking. Immunisation against Typhoid will give protection if carried out some weeks before going abroad. If on return from a holiday abroad symptoms of diarrhoea occur, then it is advisable that a doctor should be consulted to eliminate possible infection with Typhoid.

I would like to thank the staff of the Health Department for their loyal support and efficiency in maintaining a high standard in the Department.

I appreciate the interest and help of the Health Committee during the past year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

G.R. THORPE

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION 1
STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS
OF THE AREA

CLIMATOLOGY

The total rainfall during the year was 23.10 inches as compared with 24.6 inches in 1970 and 27.23 inches in 1969.

Maximum and minimum temperatures, together with the rainfall recorded each month, are shown in Appendix "A".

AREA

The Borough of Faversham covers an area of 3,070 acres, and includes the villages of Davington and Preston.

POPULATION

The Registrar General estimated the mid-year population for 1971 as 14,830, an increase of 120 from the estimated population for the previous year, i.e. 14,710.

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES

The number of inhabited houses and flats at the end of 1971 was 5627 as compared with 5592 at the end of 1970. Towards this increase 8 flats were provided by the Council, and 36 houses were constructed privately. During the year 9 were demolished. The net increase in inhabited houses and flats was therefore 35.

RATEABLE VALUE

£605,184 compared with £597,278 at the 31st December, 1970.

SUM REPRESENTED BY THE PENNY RATE

£5757.06 for the financial year 1971/72.

SECTION II
VITAL STATISTICS

| <u>LIVE BIRTHS</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | 123 (111) | 101 (125) | 224 (236) |
| Illegitimate | 7 (10) | 6 (8) | 13 (18) |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 130 (121) | 107 (133) | 237 (254) |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |

BIRTH RATE

| | |
|---|-------------|
| The crude birth rate per 1,000 population | 16.0 (17.3) |
| The corrected birth rate | 17.6 (19.0) |
| Rate for England and Wales | 16.0 (16.0) |

STILL BIRTHS

| | |
|--|------------|
| Number of still births | 4 (2) |
| Number of live and still births | 241 (256) |
| Rate per 1,000 live and still births | 17 (8) |
| Rate for England and Wales | 12 (13.0) |

INFANT DEATHS

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Number of infant deaths (under one year)..... | 2 (4) |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births | 8.0 (16.0) |
| Rate for England and Wales | 18.0 (18.0) |
| Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births.. | 9.0 (17.0) |
| Number of early neo-natal deaths (first week)..... | 1.0 (3.0) |
| Early neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births ... | 4.0 (12.0) |
| Perinatal mortality rate (still births and deaths under one week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births)..... | 21.0 (20.0) |

ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

| | | |
|--|----|--------|
| Number of illegitimate live births | 13 | (18.0) |
| This is 5.5% of the total live births | | |

MATERNAL DEATHS

| | | |
|--|-----|-------|
| Number of maternal deaths (including abortion) | Nil | (Nil) |
|--|-----|-------|

DEATHS

| | | |
|--|------|--------|
| Number of deaths assignable to Faversham..... | 248 | (235) |
| The crude death rate per 1,000 population | 16.7 | (16.0) |
| The corrected death rate | 10.0 | (9.6) |
| Rate for England and Wales | 11.6 | (11.7) |
| Average age at death | 70.7 | (72.3) |
| Average age at death for males | 76.6 | (71.6) |
| Average age at death for females | 77.7 | (73.7) |
| Oldest death (male) | 99 | (96) |
| Number of deaths at Bensted House assignable to the Borough | 113 | (88) |

The following tables show the age groups in which deaths occurred.

TABLE 1

| SEX | Under 1 | 1+ | 5+ | 15+ | 25+ | 35+ | 45+ | 55+ | 65+ | Over 75 | TOTALS |
|---------|------------|----|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|--------|
| MALES | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 | - | 4 | 11 | 39 | 61 | 119 |
| FEMALES | 1 | 1 | 2 | - | - | - | 6 | 11 | 23 | 85 | 129 |

Table II shows the number of deaths, births and infant mortality rates since 1962 and Table III the causes of deaths during 1971 classified by the Registrar General under 36 heading on the abbreviated list of International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death.

TABLE II

| Year | BIRTHS | | | DEATHS | | INFANT MORTALITY | |
|------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Illegiti- mate births | Total live births | Crude birth rate | No. of deaths | Crude death rate | Total infant deaths | Infant mortality rate |
| 1962 | 13 | 215 | 16.4 | 237 | 18.0 | 4 | 18.6 |
| 1963 | 11 | 253 | 18.9 | 239 | 17.9 | 6 | 23.7 |
| 1964 | 17 | 226 | 16.7 | 188 | 10.2 | 4 | 17.7 |
| 1965 | 10 | 239 | 17.6 | 210 | 15.5 | 4 | 16.7 |
| 1966 | 15 | 262 | 18.7 | 195 | 13.9 | 3 | 11.4 |
| 1967 | 13 | 230 | 16.1 | 213 | 14.9 | 2 | 8.7 |
| 1968 | 23 | 261 | 18.2 | 228 | 15.9 | 2 | 7.6 |
| 1969 | 19 | 256 | 17.5 | 228 | 15.6 | 5 | 20.0 |
| 1970 | 18 | 254 | 17.3 | 235 | 16.0 | 4 | 16.0 |
| 1971 | 13 | 237 | 16.0 | 248 | 16.7 | 2 | 8.0 |

TABLE III

| CAUSES OF DEATH | MALES | FEMALES | TOTALS |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity | - (1) | - (-) | - (1) |
| 2. Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 3 (-) | 1 (2) | 4 (2) |
| 3. Malignant neoplasm, esophagus | 1 (1) | - (-) | 1 (1) |
| 4. Malignant neoplasm, intestine | - (-) | 6 (3) | 6 (3) |
| 5. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus | 8 (9) | - (2) | 8 (11) |
| 6. Malignant neoplasm, breast | - (-) | 4 (6) | 4 (6) |
| 7. Malignant neoplasm, uterus | - (-) | 5 (1) | 5 (1) |
| 8. Malignant neoplasm, prostate | 2 (-) | - (-) | 2 (-) |
| 9. Leukaemia | - (2) | - (-) | - (2) |
| 10. Other Malignant neoplasms | 5 (6) | 9 (9) | 14 (15) |
| 11. Other endocrine etc. diseases | - (-) | 3 (-) | 3 (-) |
| 12. Diabetes Mellitus | - (1) | 2 (1) | 2 (2) |
| 13. Multiple Sclerosis | - (1) | - (-) | - (1) |
| 14. Chronic Rheumatic heart disease | - (-) | 3 (-) | 3 (-) |
| 15. Other diseases of nervous system | - (-) | 1 (-) | 1 (-) |
| 16. Hypertensive Disease | 2 (4) | 4 (3) | 6 (7) |
| 17. Ischaemic heart disease | 27 (30) | 18 (20) | 45 (50) |
| 18. Other forms of heart disease | 10 (11) | 15 (12) | 25 (23) |
| 19. Cerebrovascular disease | 27 (20) | 26 (37) | 53 (56) |
| 20. Other diseases of circulatory system | 5 (4) | 7 (4) | 12 (8) |
| 21. Influenza | - (1) | 1 (2) | 1 (3) |
| 22. Pneumonia | 5 (4) | 11 (6) | 16 (10) |
| 23. Bronchitis and Emphysema | 15 (8) | 2 (1) | 17 (9) |
| 24. Asthma | - (-) | 1 (-) | 1 (-) |
| 25. Other diseases of respiratory system | 1 (2) | - (2) | 1 (4) |
| 26. Peptic ulcer | 1 (2) | - (1) | 1 (3) |
| 27. Intestinal obstruction and Hernia | 1 (-) | - (-) | 1 (-) |
| 28. Cirrhosis of Liver | 1 (-) | 1 (-) | 2 (-) |
| 29. Nephritis and Nephrosis | - (1) | 1 (-) | 1 (1) |
| 30. Diseases of musculo-skeletal system | 1 (-) | - (1) | 1 (1) |
| 31. Hyperplasia of Prostate | - (2) | - (-) | - (2) |
| 32. Other diseases, genito-urinary system | 1 (-) | 3 (-) | 4 (-) |
| 33. Congenital anomalies | - (1) | 1 (-) | 1 (1) |
| 34. Other causes of perinatal mortality | 1 (2) | - (-) | 1 (2) |
| 35. Motor vehicle accidents | 2 (2) | 1 (-) | 3 (2) |
| 36. All other accidents | - (1) | 3 (1) | 3 (2) |
| 37. Suicide and self-inflicted injuries | - (1) | - (3) | - (4) |
| 38. Diseases of skin, Subcutaneous Tissue | - (1) | - (-) | - (1) |
| TOTALS | 119 (118) | 129 (117) | 248 (235) |

Particulars in regard to infant deaths occurring during the year are as follows:-

TABLE IV

| CAUSES OF DEATH | SEX | AGE | PLACE OF DEATH |
|------------------|-----|----------|----------------|
| Prematurity | M | 2 days | Hospital |
| Bronchopneumonia | F | 2 months | " |

SECTION III

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFICATION

The number of infectious disease cases notified during 1971 was 248 being 217 more than in the previous year, i.e. 31 cases in 1970.

GENERAL

The age distribution of cases occurring is shown in Table V and total number of infectious diseases occurring and the number admitted to hospital and total deaths from diseases are shown in Table VI.

TABLE V

| Disease | -1 | -5 | -15 | -20 | -30 | -40 | -50 | -60 | Over 60 | Total |
|---------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------|-------|
| Scarlet Fever | - | 1 | 5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Measles | 17 | 108 | 107 | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | 234 |
| Meningitis | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 3 |
| Whooping Cough | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Encephalitis | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Food Poisoning | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | 2 |
| Tuberculosis Pulmonary | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |

TABLE VI

| Disease | No. of Cases | | Admission to | Deaths |
|----------------|--------------|------|---------------------------|--------|
| | 1971 | 1970 | Hospital or Sanatorium | |
| Scarlet Fever | 6 | 4 | - | - |
| Measles | 234 | 10 | - | - |
| Meningitis | 3 | 1 | 3 | - |
| Hepatitis | - | 1 | - | - |
| Dysentery | - | 1 | - | - |
| Whooping Cough | 1 | 7 | - | - |
| Encephalitis | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| Food Poisoning | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| Tuberculosis | | | | |
| Pulmonary | 1 | 3 | - | - |
| Non. Pulmonary | - | 2 | - | - |
| TOTAL | 248 | 31 | 4 | - |

Table VII shows the number of cases of Infectious Disease notified each year during the past ten years other than tuberculosis.

TABLE VII

| Disease | '62 | '63 | '64 | '65 | '66 | '67 | '68 | '69 | '70 | '71 |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Scarlet Fever | 8 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 6 |
| Whooping Cough | - | 3 | 36 | - | 15 | 1 | 12 | - | 7 | 1 |
| Measles | 76 | 118 | 81 | 576 | 140 | 115 | 3 | 6 | 10 | 234 |
| Meningitis | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 3 |
| Hepatitis | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 | - |
| Dysentery | - | 3 | 11 | 2 | - | 1 | - | 4 | 1 | - |
| Encephalitis | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Food Poisoning | - | - | 1 | - | 5 | - | - | 3 | 2 | 2 |

TUBERCULOSIS

TABLE VIII

| Year | No. of Primary notifications received | | Deaths | | Death rate per 1,000 population | |
|------|---------------------------------------|----------|--------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|
| | Pul. | Non Pul. | Pul. | Non Pul. | Pul. | Non Pul. |
| 1961 | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1962 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| 1963 | 6 | 2 | 1 | - | 0.75 | - |
| 1964 | 4 | 1 | 1 | - | 0.74 | - |
| 1965 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1966 | 4 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1967 | 4 | 3 | 1 | - | 0.7 | - |
| 1968 | 4 | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| 1969 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1970 | 3 | 2 | - | - | - | - |
| 1971 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER

The number of types of cases at present in the Borough and on the Tuberculosis Register are shown in Table IX.

TABLE IX

| | PULMONARY | | NON-PULMONARY | | TOTAL |
|---|-----------|----|---------------|---|-------|
| | M | F | M | F | |
| On Tuberculosis Register 1.1.71. | 41 | 12 | 8 | 5 | 66 |
| Notified in Borough | - | 1 | - | - | 1 |
| Transf. to Borough | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Transf. from Borough | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Deaths | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Recovered | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Balance remaining on Register 31.12.71. | 37 | 10 | 7 | 3 | 57 |

Chest Clinic, South Road

Number of cases of tuberculosis (whether notified or not) under treatment, supervision or observation at 31st December, 1971.

| | | Men | Women | Children | Total |
|---|--|-----|-------|----------|-------|
| Number of cases (including both out- patients and in- patients) | 1. Respiratory | 54 | 30 | 1 | 85 |
| | 2. Non-respiratory | 3 | 5 | - | 8 |
| | 3. Total | 57 | 35 | 1 | 92 |
| 4. | Number of cases included in line 3 above whose broncho-pulmonary secretion was positive during the year. | | | | 1 |
| Number of cases of tuberculosis (whether notified or not) new to the clinic (but excluding transfers from other clinics) during the year ended 31st December, 1971. | | | | | |
| | | Men | Women | Children | Total |
| Respiratory Non-bacteriologically confirmed. | 5 | 2 | - | - | 2 |
| Respiratory Bacteriologically confirmed. | 6 | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Non-respiratory | 7 | - | - | - | - |
| Total (lines 5,6 & 7) | 8 | 2 | 1 | - | 3 |

Mass Radiography Unit

| | Date | Male | Female | Total |
|---|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Bensted House Hospital Staff Patients | 25.6.1971. | 16 37 | 55 58 | 71 95 |
| Regular Visits, Central Car Park | | | | |
| G.P. Cases | October 1971 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Public | | 91 | 154 | 245 |
| TOTALS | | 147 | 269 | 416 |

Clinic Attendance

I am indebted to Dr. N.F. Crofts for the following information regarding patients from the Borough.

- (a) Number of patients from the Borough of Faversham who attended any of the Chest Clinics during 1971 (this includes contacts etc.) 171
- (b) Total number of attendances during the year by the above patients. 288
- (c) Number of patients from the Borough who received treatment at Keycol Hospital. 1

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The County Medical Officer reports that during the period the following have received vaccination:-

TABLE X
PRIMARY

| Year of Birth | Triple Antigen | Diphtheria Tetanus | Small-pox | Tetanus | Measles | Polio-myelitis | Rubella |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------------|---------|
| 1971 | 17 | - | 1 | - | 3 | 25 | - |
| 1970 | 183 | 2 | 57 | - | 106 | 194 | - |
| 1969 | 76 | 2 | 92 | - | 79 | 85 | - |
| 1968 | 2 | - | 11 | 1 | 38 | 16 | - |
| 1967 | 1 | - | 5 | - | 15 | - | - |
| 1966 | - | - | - | - | 12 | - | - |
| 1964-65 | - | 2 | 5 | 1 | 8 | - | - |
| 1955-63 | 1 | - | 1 | 28 | 6 | - | 100 |
| TOTAL | 280 | 6 | 162 | 30 | 257 | 320 | 100 |

TABLE XI
REINFORCING

| Year of Birth | Triple Antigen | Diphtheria Tetanus | Small-pox | Tetanus | Measles | Polio-myelitis |
|---------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------|---------|---------|----------------|
| 1971 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1970 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1969 | 14 | 4 | - | 1 | - | - |
| 1968 | 7 | 3 | - | - | - | - |
| 1967 | 4 | 13 | 1 | - | - | 15 |
| 1966 | 4 | 21 | 4 | 1 | - | 30 |
| 1964-65 | 4 | 145 | - | - | - | 160 |
| 1955-63 | - | 5 | 17 | 20 | - | 8 |
| TOTAL | 33 | 191 | 22 | 22 | - | 213 |

SECTION IV

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Local Authority Health Services under the National Health Service Act are provided and administered by the Kent County Council. These services include the Care of Mothers and Young Children, the provision of Midwives, Health Visiting and Home Nursing, Vaccination and Immunisation Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care, and Domestic Health Services.

Chest Clinics and the care of Tuberculosis patients are the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board, as also is Mental Welfare.

Various Clinics in connection with these Services are held as follows:-

Clinics and Sessions

(a) Queen's Hall

| | <u>Day</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Child Welfare | Tuesday and Friday | 2 - 4 p.m. |

(Immunisation and Vaccination are carried out at the Child Welfare Clinic on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, if required)

(b) School Clinic

Soloman's Lane

| | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| Ante-Natal Clinic | Friday afternoon | 2 - 4 p.m. |
| Relaxation and | | |

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Mothercraft classes ... | Friday morning | 10 - 12 noon. |
|-------------------------|----------------------|---------------|

| | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|--|
| Minor Ailment Clinic | Wednesday | |
| | 2nd and 4th | |

| | | |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|
| | Wednesday of month..... | 3.30 - 4.30 p.m. |
|--|-------------------------|------------------|

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Dental Gas Clinic | Tuesday | 10.30. - 12 noon |
|-------------------------|---------------|------------------|

| | | |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Dental | Tuesday | 1.30. - 4 p.m. |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|

| | | |
|--|----------------|-----------------|
| | Thursday | 9.30. - 12 noon |
|--|----------------|-----------------|

| | | |
|--|--|---------------|
| | | 1.30 - 4 p.m. |
|--|--|---------------|

Chest Clinic

South RoadThursday (by appointment)

Cases for X-ray are referred to Canterbury Chest Clinic as and when required.

(d) Domestic Help

Application can be made at the Kent County Welfare Office at 44 East Street, Faversham - Monday to Friday.

(e) Psychiatric Clinic

This Clinic is held every Thursday at 5 p.m. at 13 South Road. Appointments are made through St. Augustine's Hospital.

School Health

Based on the report of the Principal School Medical Officer for the year 1971.

The following is a summary of the returns for the above year for the area comprising of the Boroughs of Faversham and Queenborough in Sheppey, the Urban District of Sittingbourne and Milton Regis and the Rural District of Swale.

TABLE XII

| Routine School Medical Inspections | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|------------|----------------|-------------|
| No. of Pupils Inspected (1) | Physical Condition of Pupils Inspected | | | |
| | Satisfactory | | Unsatisfactory | |
| | No. | % of Col.1 | No. | % of Col. 1 |
| (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | |
| 3,594 | 3,593 | 100.00 | 1 | 0.00 |

In addition 2,097 children received tests of vision and hearing only.

TABLE XIII

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Number of Special Inspections | 85 |
| Number of Re-inspections | 1,471 |

TABLE XIV

| | |
|---|-------|
| Number found to require treatment | 1,601 |
|---|-------|

TABLE XV

Infestation with Vermin

| | |
|--|--------|
| 1. Total number of examinations of pupils in Schools by the school nurse or other authorised persons | 12,916 |
| 2. Total number of individual pupils found to be infested | 77 |
| 3. Number of individual pupils in respect of whom cleansing notices were issued (Section 54(2) Education Act 1944) | 9 |

TABLE XVI

Treatment of Pupils

| Group I - Minor Ailments (Excluding Uncleanliness) | |
|---|----------------------------|
| | Number of Cases Treated |
| Skin Diseases | Nil |
| Eye defects | 1 |
| (External and other, but excluding errors of refraction, squint and cases admitted to Hospital) | |
| Ear defects | 6 |
| Miscellaneous | 3 |
| (e.g. minor injuries, bruises, sores etc.) | <hr/> |
| | 10 |
| | ===== |

| Group II - Defective Vision and Squint | |
|---|----------------------------|
| | Number of Cases Treated |
| 1. Errors of Refraction (including squint).. | 918 |
| 2. Other defects or diseases of the eyes.... (excluding those recorded in Group I) | 2 |
| 3. Number of pupils for whom spectacles were prescribed | 305 |

TABLE XVII

Dental Inspection and Treatment

| | |
|---|--------------|
| 1. Number of pupils inspected by the Authority's Dental Officers | 2,622 |
| 2. Number found to require treatment | 1,236 |
| 3. Number offered treatment | 1,416 |
| 4. Number actually treated | 1,847 |
| 5. Number of attendances made by pupils for treatment. | 5,449 |
| 6. Half days devoted to: | |
| a. Periodic (School) Inspections | 24 |
| b. Treatment | 843 |
| Total (6) | <u>867</u> |
| 7. <u>Fillings</u> | |
| a. Permanent teeth | 2,134 |
| b. Temporary teeth | 940 |
| Total (7) | <u>3,074</u> |
| 8. <u>Number of teeth filled</u> | |
| a. Permanent teeth | 2,105 |
| b. Temporary teeth | 869 |
| Total (8) | <u>2,974</u> |
| 9. <u>Extractions</u> | |
| a. Permanent teeth | 224 |
| b. Temporary teeth | 611 |
| Total (9) | <u>835</u> |
| 10. Administration of general anaesthetic for extractions | 493 |
| 11. <u>Other Operations</u> | |
| Permanent and temporary teeth | 1,335 |

SECTION V

REMOVAL OF AGED PERSONS

National Assistance Act, 1948

Section 47

National Assistance (Amended) Act, 1951

No aged person was removed under the provisions of the above Acts during 1971.

SECTION VI

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Staff

There were several staff changes during 1971. In April Miss Bodley, part-time clerk, resigned and Miss Cook was appointed to the vacant position in May.

As no replacement was obtainable for Mr. Longley, Additional Public Health Inspector, who had resigned in May 1970 the Department staffing was re-assessed as a result of which Mr. S.E. Kennett was appointed as a Technical Assistance, and commenced his duties in May.

The vacant post of part-time Rodent Operator was also changed to a full-time Rodent Operator and Mr. A. Underwood was appointed to this post in August.

Water Supply

Mains water supply to the Borough is provided by the Mid Kent Water Company. The Divisional Office is now at Canterbury, but the local office remains at 41 Stone Street.

During the year the following extensions to the mains were carried out:-

| <u>6"</u> | <u>4"</u> | <u>3"</u> | <u>Total Yardage</u> |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|
| 457 | 637 | 234 | 1,328 |

The following samples were taken in the Borough during the course of the year:-

| | <u>Bact.</u> | <u>Chem.</u> |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| From consumers taps within the area | 24 | 4 |
| From pumping stations supplying the area | | |
| Raw | 102 | 9 |
| Treated | 52 | 3 |

The samples were satisfactory in all cases except three bacteriological from Copton Pumping Station. The treated water going into the supply from this source was satisfactory at all times.

Drainage and Sewerage

The modernisation scheme for the sewage works commenced in February and it is anticipated that the work will be completed early in 1973.

A short extension to the sewerage system was laid to take some houses in Brogdale Road and Ospringe Place. These premises had previously been connected to cesspools.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

During 1971 a further 600 houses were brought into the paper sack system of refuse collection.

Substantial work was carried out to improve the public amenity tip which is situated on the Care Road side of the Councils refuse tip.

The Borough refuse continued to be tipped into the disused gravel workings along the Care Road.

Public Conveniences

The public conveniences within the Borough are maintained and supervised by the Borough Engineers Department. The main accommodation which is in the Central Car Park has a full-time attendant.

Public Swimming Bath

During the 1971 season 52,414 people paid for admission to the pool as compared with 69,789 in 1970. 406 season and weekly tickets were issued as compared with 527 in 1970. 8,869 spectators paid for admission - 11,169 in 1970.

The reason for the reduction in the use of the pool during 1971 is attributed to adverse weather conditions which prevailed during the months when the pool was in use.

Mortuary Accommodation

Mortuary facilities are provided at the Faversham Cottage Hospital.

SECTION VII

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Milk

There are no dairies in the area, but two new "distributors" were registered during the year.

Ice Cream

Forty-eight premises are now registered for the sale of ice cream, a decrease of one as compared with 1970.

Bakehouses

The four bakehouses continued in use during the year; no complaints about the products from these premises were received.

Market Stalls

The number of stalls using the market place on Fridays and Saturdays varied throughout the year but mainly consisted of one regular user on Fridays and four on Saturdays.

Special stalls with coloured awning have been provided by the Council.

Container Traffic

With the introduction of the new port health control system whereby the sealed containers being used for the importing of food products can be routed to their destination without inspection has meant inland inspectors are having to deal with this duty.

In Faversham 128 containers were inspected during 1971 and it is thought likely that the throughput will increase with the present decrease of overland rail container traffic.

Export Certification

During the year forty-four certificates were signed to cover the export of various food products from one of the local food factories. The exports were mainly meat pies to Canada.

Shellfish

Following complaints inspections were made at a house where it was found that shellfish were being cooked. The person responsible was prosecuted for cooking shellfish at unregistered premises and the Court imposed a fine of £10.

FOOD PREMISESTABLE XVIII

| <u>Premises</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|--|---------------|
| Butchers | 12 |
| Grocers | 10 |
| Fishmongers | 4 |
| Fish Fryers | 5 |
| Bakers and Confectioners | 7 |
| Greengrocers | 6 |
| Cafe and Teashops | 5 |
| Hotels | 3 |
| General Shops | 28 |
| Premises where ice cream is sold | 43 |
| Preserved Foods | 28 |
| Supermarkets | 5 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 161 |
| | ===== |

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

The following details of samples taken in the District under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 are supplied by courtesy of the Chief Inspector Weights and Measures Department, Kent County Council.

| <u>ARTICLES</u> | <u>Satis-</u> <u>factory</u> | <u>Unsatis-</u> <u>factory</u> |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Milk | 11 | - |
| Butter, margarine, lard, cooking fats, cheese (including processed cheese) | 2 | - |
| Tinned meats, meat, fish, fish and meat pastes | 2 | 3 |
| Sugar, sugar confectionary, flour, confectionary, chocolate products, cereals.. | 4 | 9 |
| Tea, coffee, cocoa, beverages, minerals, cordials | 1 | 1 |
| Jams, preserves, honey, jellies | 2 | 1 |
| Dried fruit, raw fruit, vegetables, tinned fruit and vegetables | 6 | - |
| Pickles, sauces, vinegar, condiments | 5 | - |
| Drugs, medicines | 5 | - |
| Beer, wines, spirits | 8 | - |
| Miscellaneous | 4 | 2 |
| | <u>50</u> | <u>16</u> |
| | <u>==</u> | <u>==</u> |

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

Mixture of Scotch Broth and Steak in Gravy

Contained a piece of metal cutting blade. Both manufacturers contacted, but no further action as origin of object could not be established.

Bacon Pieces

The bacon had adherent soiling consisting of wood, rust, sacking and general debris. Retailer cautioned.

Bacon

Small portion tasted sour. Facker advised.

Spaghetti with Tomato and Cheese sauce

Ratio of sauce to spaghetti excessive. Manufacturer cautioned.

Porage Oats (2 samples)

Contained three live saw-toothed beetles. Further sample contained thirty similar beetles. Retailer cautioned and remainder of stock destroyed.

Unsatisfactory Samples continued

Bread

Soiled with iron and mineral oil. Bakery cautioned.

Loaf of Bread

Affected by mould. Retailer and bakery cautioned.

Loaf of Bread

Affected by mould. Bakery cautioned.

Loaf of Bread

Affected by mould growths. Retailer and bakery cautioned.

Brown Bread

Affected by mould growths. Retailer cautioned.

Loaf of Bread

Embedded in crumb of bread was a wasp. Bakery cautioned.

Shredded Marmalade

Surface affected by mould growths. Manufacturer cautioned.

Tomato Soup

Contained mass of tin sealing compound. Manufacturer advised.

Shredded Beef Suet

On the 15th September, 1971 at Faversham Magistrate's Court Bertram Horace Stewart of 16 Athelstan Road, Faversham, pleaded guilty to selling shredded beef suet extensively affected by mould growths contrary to Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Fined £20 with £3 Advocate's Fee. Total £23.

Chips

Contained parts of a blue-bottle. Retailer cautioned.

UN SOUND FOOD

The various foodstuffs condemned or surrendered as unfit for human consumption during the year were as follows:-

FRUIT

14 bulk bins New Zealand Apples
120 cartons " " "
3,900 lbs. " " "
3 bulk bins Australian "
250 kilos Spanish Melons

VEGETABLES

3 crates Mexican Tomatoes
249 cartons " "
588 cartons Dutch Cucumbers
82 trays Beans (20 packs per tray)

FISH AND MEAT

16 lbs. Boneless Silverside
10 lbs. Irish Sirloin and Rump
108 1/4 lbs. Australian Boneless Mutton
17 lbs. Irish Silverside
6 lbs. Gurnet
1 stone Herrings

MISCELLANEOUS

412 packets various foodstuffs
718 tins " "
7680 jars " "
41 packets Biscuits
73 Cakes
1545 packets various frozen foodstuffs
24,699 packets various soups
61,920 packets dumpling mix
2,016 packets potato flakes
14,900 frozen desserts

SECTION VIII

General Public Health Works

Infectious Diseases

The reported cases of infectious diseases were 248 in 1971, this being an increase of 217 over the 1970 figure of 31. The increase is accounted for by the increase of Measles to 234 cases this year.

8 visits were made to make enquiries and to give advice on control.

46 members of the Council's Staff were vaccinated by the Medical Officer of Health against influenza.

Offensive Trades

The two bone boiling and one hoof and horn cooking factories continued to operate at the beginning of the year. Later the hoof and horn factory ceased production and it is not thought likely that the factory will re-open, mainly because of the difficulty in obtaining supplies of raw material.

121 complaints, referring to 55 particular days, were received from members of the public about offensive smells in the Oare area. Details of this difficulty, and action taken, are set out in a report, Appendix C, which was submitted to the Council in January 1972.

Licenced Premises

21 inspections were made of licenced premises but only minor matters were found to need attention.

Petroleum

All the premises at which petroleum or petroleum products are stored were inspected before licences were renewed. These inspections were carried out in conjunction with the Fire Prevention Officer of the Fire Brigade. 28 notices were served for contraventions of the "Conditions of Licence" as imposed by this Authority.

Explosives

8 visits were made to premises where fireworks were being sold, all the storage facilities provided were satisfactory.

2 visits were made in co-operation with the Police Authorities to premises where explosives are stored.

Pet Animal Act, 1951

2 premises are licenced in the Borough for the purposes of keeping pet animals for sale.

OFFICES SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following table indicates the overall position of premises which are at present registered in the Borough.

TABLE XIX

| | Premises Reg. during year | Total Reg.at end of year | No. receiving general insp. | No. of persons employed | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|
| Offices | 1 | 45 | 11 | 309 | |
| Retails Shops | 1 | 112 | 39 | 487 | |
| Wholesale Shops. Warehouses | - | 8 | 3 | 53 | |
| Catering Establishments | - | 5 | 5 | 19 | |
| Canteens | - | - | - | 3 | |
| Fuel Storage Depots | - | - | - | - | |
| Total | 2 | 170 | 58 | 871 | |
| | | | TOTAL | MALES | 352 |
| | | | TOTAL | FEMALES | 519 |

In all some 73 visits were made to registered premises for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Act.

Owners and occupiers have again responded in an encouraging way to notices requiring work to be carried out.

RODENT AND INFESTATION CONTROL

For the first part of the year a private company was engaged on a day to day contract basis, at this time only complaints were being dealt with. In August the Council appointed a full-time Rodent Operator and after his initial training, survey work and sewer treatments were undertaken. Special attention was also given to the Council's refuse tip along the Ham Road as a series of complaints had been received from this area.

TABLE XX

| | TYPE OF PROPERTY | |
|---|------------------|--------------|
| | Non Agricultural | Agricultural |
| (1) Properties other than sewers Number of properties in District. | 6323 | 68 |
| (2) A. Total number of properties (and nearby premises) inspected following notification B. Number infested by (i) rats (ii) mice | 218 132 86 | 3 3 - |
| (3) A. Total number of properties inspected for rats and mice for reasons other than notification B. Number infested by (i) rats (ii) mice | 15 9 5 | - - - |

SECTION IX

HOUSING

1. HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES ELSEWHERE

(a) Houses demolished

| | No. of Houses | No. of Separate Dwellings |
|--|---------------|------------------------------|
| <u>In Clearance Areas</u> | | |
| 1. Unfit for human habitation | - | - |
| 2. Included by reason of bad arrangement | - | - |
| 3. On land acquired under Section 43(2) Housing Act 1957 | - | - |
| <u>Not in Clearance Areas</u> | | |
| 4. As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act 1957 | 7 | 7 |
| 5. Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health | 2 | 2 |
| 6. Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under Local Acts | - | - |
| 7. Houses included in unfitness orders made under Para 2 of the second schedule to the Land Compensation Act 1961 | - | - |
| 8. Number of separate dwellings included above which were previously reported as closed in pursuance of closing orders or undertakings | - | - |

(b) Unfit Houses Closed

| | No. of Houses | No. of Separate Dwellings |
|---|---------------|------------------------------|
| 9. Under Sections 16(4), 17(1), and 35(1) Housing Act 1957 and Section 26 Housing Act 1961 | - | - |
| 10. Under Section 17(3) and 26 Housing Act 1957 | - | - |
| 11. Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act 1957 | - | - |

(c) Number of Families and Persons Displaced

| | No. of Families | No. of Persons |
|--|-----------------|----------------|
| 12. From houses to be demolished in or adjoining clearance areas | - | - |
| 13. From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas | - | - |
| 14. From houses to be closed | - | - |
| 15. From parts of buildings to be closed | - | - |

(d) Unfit Houses made fit

No. of Houses

| | |
|--|---|
| 16. After informal action by local authority - by owner | - |
| 17. After formal notice under Sections 9 and 16 Housing Act 1957 | |
| (a) by owner | 4 |
| (b) by local authority | - |
| 18. After formal notice under Public Health Acts | - |
| 19. Previously included in a clearance order which has been or will be modified or revoked under Section 24 Housing Act 1961 | - |
| 20. Previously included in a demolition order which has been or will be revoked under Section 24 Housing Act 1957 | - |
| 21. Previously included in a closing order which has been or will be determined under Section 27 Housing Act 1957 | - |

(e) Houses in which defects were remedied (other than unfit houses made fit)

No. of Houses

| | |
|--|----|
| 22. After formal notice under Public Health Acts | 1 |
| 23. After formal action under Section 9(1a) Housing Act 1957 | |
| (a) by owner | - |
| (b) by local authority | - |
| 24. After informal action by local authority | 38 |

2. APPLICATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND CONVERSION GRANTS

105 schemes were submitted and approved, for which £54,386 (£38,027) was approved for grant under the discretionary scheme.

24 Standard grant schemes were approved to a total cost of £3,183 (£4,367).

Figures in brackets refer to Grants in 1970.

3. QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

13 applications were received for Provisional or Qualification Certificates, 3 certificates were issued.

PROVISION OF HOUSES

The following table shows the number of houses built each year since 1950.

| YEAR | COUNCIL Houses Flats | | POLICE HOUSES | PRIVATE ENTERPRISE | TOTAL |
|--------|-------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| 1950 | 61 | - | - | 11 | 72 |
| 1951 | 80 | - | 2 | 8 | 90 |
| 1952 | 66 | - | - | 7 | 73 |
| 1953 | 60 | - | - | 10 | 70 |
| 1954 | 72 | - | 5 | 3 | 80 |
| 1955 | 80 | - | - | 8 | 88 |
| 1956 | 52 | - | - | 5 | 57 |
| 1957 | 62 | - | - | 24 | 86 |
| 1958 | 42 | - | - | 26 | 68 |
| 1959 | 52 | - | - | 11 | 63 |
| 1960 | 38 | - | - | 41 | 79 |
| 1961 | 26 | - | - | 76 | 102 |
| 1962 | 14 | - | - | 102 | 116 |
| 1963 | 22 | - | - | 61 | 83 |
| 1964 | 31 | - | - | 35 | 66 |
| 1965 | - | - | - | 135 | 135 |
| 1966 | 20 | - | - | 148 | 168 |
| 1967 | 10 | - | - | 94 | 104 |
| 1968 | 23 | - | - | 114 | 137 |
| 1969 | 14 | - | - | 103 | 117 |
| 1970 | - | - | - | 48 | 48 |
| 1971 | - | 8 | - | 36 | 44 |
| TOTALS | 825 | 8 | 7 | 1106 | 1946 |

SECTION X

FACTORY ADMINISTRATION

Particulars in respect of factory administration are shown in the form prescribed by the Minister, as follows:-

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTION for the purpose of provisions as to health.

| PREMISES | Number on Register | NUMBER OF | | |
|---|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | Inspections | Written Notices | Occupiers Prosecuted |
| (1) Factories in which Sec.1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority | 8 | 10 | - | - |
| (2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority | 91 | 34 | 2 | - |
| (3) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by Local Authority (incl. out-workers premises) | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| TOTAL | 101 | 46 | 2 | - |

2. CASES in which defects were found:-

| PARTICULARS | Found | Remedied | Referred | |
|---|-------|----------|-------------------|---------|
| | | | To H.M. Inspector | by H.M. |
| Want of Cleanliness (S.1) | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding (S.2) | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable Temperature (S.3) | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective | 3 | 3 | - | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) | - | - | - | - |

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

| Nature of work | No. of workers in August list | No. of cases in default in sending list | No. of prosecutions for failing to supply list | No. of instances work in unwholesome premises | Notices served | Prosecutions |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------|--------------|
| Wearing Apparel Making etc. | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |
| All others | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Totals | 2 | - | - | - | - | - |

SECTION XI

FAVERSHAM PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

There has been no alteration during the year in the area of the port which for the sanitary administration is divided into two sections, viz (a) the Eastern Section (Faversham Creek), and (b) the Western Section (Milton Creek).

SECTION I

No change.

SECTION II

| Ships from | Number | Tonnage | Inspected | | Number of ships reported as having had during the voyage disease aboard. |
|-------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|--|
| | | | M.O.H. | P.H.I. | |
| (I) EASTERN SECTION | | | | | |
| (a) Coastwise | 36 | 2816 | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| (b) Foreign | 74 | 9391 | Nil | 6 | Nil |
| (c) Lighters and Barges | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| (2) WESTERN SECTION | | | | | |
| (a) Coastwise | 355 | 26302 | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| (b) Foreign | 6 | 669 | Nil | 12 | Nil |
| (c) Lighters and Barges | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| TOTALS | 471 | 39178 | Nil | 18 | Nil |

SECTION III

Character of Shipping and Trade during the year

- | | | |
|-----|---|----------------------------------|
| (1) | Passenger Traffic | Nil |
| (2) | Cargo Traffic: | |
| | (a) EASTERN SECTION | |
| | Principal Imports | Grain, Timber and Fertilizers |
| | Principal Exports | Nil |
| | (b) WESTERN SECTION | |
| | Principal Imports | Sand & Ballast |
| | Principal Exports | Nil |
| (3) | Principal Ports from which Ships arrive | |
| | (a) EASTERN SECTION | |
| | Coastwise | Thames Estuary |
| | Foreign | Near Continent |
| | (b) WESTERN SECTION | |
| | Coastwise | Thames Estuary |
| | Foreign | Nil |

SECTION IV - Inland Traffic

Nil

SECTION V - Water Supply

No change.

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ship Regulations) 1952

No change.

SECTION VII - Smallpox

No change.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Diseases

No change.

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases
dealt with during the year

Nil

SECTION X - Malaria

Nil

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or
suspected of plague

Nil

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents on ships from foreign ports

Nil

SECTION XIII - Inspections of ships for nuisances

No nuisances were found on ships during the year.

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish Regulations)

No change.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No change.

SECTION XVI - Arrangements for burial on shore of persons who
have died on board from infectious disease

No change.

APPENDIX "A"

Readings recorded at the Borough Sewage Works
for 1971

| | Rainfall (inches) | | Temperature (degrees F) | | | |
|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|------|---------|------|
| | 1970 | 1971 | Maximum | | Minimum | |
| | | | 1970 | 1971 | 1970 | 1971 |
| January | 2.5 | 2.5 | 52 | 52 | 20 | 20 |
| February | 1.75 | .65 | 54 | 55 | 20 | 26 |
| March | 2.05 | 2.2 | 59 | 58 | 17 | 24 |
| April | 2.2 | 1.45 | 66 | 74 | 24 | 28 |
| May | .75 | 1.95 | 76 | 72 | 40 | 30 |
| June | .9 | 4.35 | 84 | 76 | 41 | 42 |
| July | 1.35 | 1.5 | 89 | 32 | 44 | 40 |
| August | 1.6 | 2.9 | 89 | 81 | 41 | 42 |
| September | 3.4 | .65 | 78 | 75 | 58 | 38 |
| October | .6 | 2.1 | 70 | 71 | 32 | 29 |
| November | 5.05 | 1.95 | 61 | 58 | 24 | 24 |
| December | 2.45 | .9 | 54 | 52 | 24 | 25 |
| | <u>24.6</u> ===== | <u>23.10</u> ===== | | | | |

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT - VISITSPUBLIC HEALTH

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Complaints re houses | 43 |
| Other complaints | 226 |
| Re-visits following complaints | 79 |
| Port health | 6 |
| Offensive trades | 143 |
| Tents, vans and sheds | 2 |
| Hop pickers' camps and farms | - |
| Atmospheric pollution | 15 |
| Schools | 2 |
| Places of entertainment | 2 |
| Outworkers | 2 |
| Water supply | 1 |
| Drainage | 121 |
| Shops (non food) | 2 |
| Infectious disease | 8 |
| Miscellaneous | 47 |

HOUSING

| | |
|--------------------------|-----|
| Housing Acts | 378 |
| Re-visits | 7 |
| Verminous premises | 3 |
| Rent Act 1957 | - |
| Miscellaneous | 6 |

FOOD PREMISES

| | |
|--|----|
| Bakers and confectioners | 12 |
| Butchers | 16 |
| Canteens | 5 |
| Milk distributors | 7 |
| Fishmongers and poulterers | 4 |
| Fried fish shops | 10 |
| Food preparation premises | 4 |
| Grocers | 21 |
| Greengrocers and fruiterers | 14 |
| Market stalls | 19 |
| Hotels, restaurants and snack bars | 8 |
| Licensed premises | 21 |
| Clubs | 1 |
| School kitchens | 5 |
| Food factories | 32 |
| Miscellaneous food premises | 11 |

FACTORIES

| | |
|------------------|----|
| With power | 34 |
| Non-power | 12 |
| Workplaces | - |

GENERAL

| | |
|---|-----|
| Fireworks | 8 |
| Rat, mouse and insect complaints | 275 |
| Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act | 73 |
| Petroleum inspections | 43 |

SAMPLES

| | |
|--|----|
| Water (including swimming baths) | 10 |
|--|----|

| | O.S. & R. Act | Public Health Act | Housing Act | Shops Act | Fact- ories Act | Food Hyg. Regs. | Pet. Act |
|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Informal Notices served | 11 | 41 | - | - | 3 | 10 | 28 |
| Informal Notices complied with | 10 | 37 | - | - | 3 | 10 | 28 |
| Statutory Notices served | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Statutory Notices complied with | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |

REPORT ON OFFENSIVE TRADES FOR 1971

During the year the two offensive trade factories continued to operate, receiving butchers and slaughterhouse waste fat and bone and processing material into tallow and pig meal. The third factory cooking hoof and horn for fertilizer compounds ceased operating during the year and it is anticipated that it will be closed permanently.

During 1971, 121 complaints were received in the Public Health Department from residents of Faversham and Oare, referring to 55 particular days. Once again it must be emphasised that a nuisance will only arise if the raw material being cooked is in a decomposing state. With fresh material any resulting odour is a "clean" cooked meat smell even if a breakdown of equipment occurs.

Faversham Animal Products Ltd.

This factory, which operates on a small scale, continued under the control of the Manager who shows a sense of responsibility to the public at large by running the factory in such a way to cause the minimum of nuisance.

In August, while the Manager was on holiday, a nuisance was caused by defective equipment and bad material. The Company was prosecuted and entered a plea of guilty. The fine for this first offence was £10.

J. & E. Tate

January - In reply to an enquiry from the Town Clerk the Company wrote to say that certain outstanding works had been completed and they had appointed one of their existing employees (Mr. Davies) to be Manager in place of Mr. Moore who only stayed with the Company for three months during 1970.

March - On the 22nd the factory was found to be operating with an open condenser and very little water supply to the cooling tower, also there was difficulty over blocked drains caused by overspill from fat tank. Mr. B. Tate was called to the site by telephone and on his arrival closed the factory down until the faults were cleared.

April - Nuisance arose from the burning of rubbish on the site - arranged with the Borough Surveyor to accept waste material at Council's tip subject to production of tipping ticket. Very little use has been made of this arrangement.

On the 20th Mr. J. Tate's attention was drawn to the number of complaints being received and also to the loss of efficiency of his condenser unit (low throughput of water).

On the 21st following further complaints and inspections the Company was prosecuted for Byelaw Offences. The Company pleaded guilty and were fined £20.

At a special meeting of the Council on the 27th a number of resolutions were made to enable quick action to be taken in respect of any nuisance arising from the offensive trade factories.

May - The Company was again prosecuted for a Byelaw Offence on the 11th - fined £20. As the material was in such a poor condition and the equipment was defective on this particular day the Company was also requested to cease operations. A letter addressed to the Mayor dated the 12th stated that stock to the value of £2,000 had been disposed of following this shut down. On the 19th, following complaints, an inspection of the site was made and quantities of raw material and a vehicle loaded with rotten material in it was found. A Statutory Notice requiring the Company to abate this nuisance was served with a time limit of 48 hours. A large hole was bulldozed on the site and the material buried.

June - A further warning letter was sent to the firm stressing that the condensing apparatus should be kept working at its maximum efficiency.

July - On the 10th the factory was inspected following complaints and it was found that an offence against the Byelaws was being committed. The Company was subsequently prosecuted resulting in a £20 fine with £10 costs.

August - During an inspection on the 24th following the receipt of complaints, a lorry load of rotting raw material was found on the site sunk up to its axle in soft ground. Mr. J. Tate was told to move the lorry without delay.

October - During the week commencing the 25th general conditions at the factory were very bad. As a result a Statutory Notice was served on the Company giving seven days in which to clean up the site and information was laid in respect of a number of Byelaw Offences. The summons were withdrawn following the rapid response of the Company in carrying out repairs. A letter was received from the Company detailing arrangements which had been made to comply with the Statutory Notice.

December - The factory was inspected on the 29th following complaints. Two trailer loads of raw material were on site and considerable quantities lay on the cooker loading floor. All the raw material contained substantial quantities of turkey trimmings and gut which was in a putrefying condition. One trailer had collapsed because of excess weight and part of the side had been ripped off to give a circulation of air. A sour smell was arising from the raw material which was giving rise to the complaints. Mr. B. Tate explained that the high turkey gut content was a character of raw material which had to be accepted in the trade at Christmas time. Other aspects of the factory operation were far from satisfactory, i.e. circulation of cooling water, drainage interceptor traps full and the burning of waste packing material.

On the 30th considerable improvement in conditions had been effected and only a small quantity of turkey gut remained.

7th January, 1972.

